Chapter 16: Hunter - Part 1

5:50 AM.

DAY 4 STRANDED ON THE ISLAND.

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WE HEAD TOWARD THE INLET WHERE THE RESCUE BOAT IS LOCATED ...

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WE DE-
PARTED
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DAWN.

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WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO TAKE A BREAK!
CAN'T WE TAKE A LITTLE BREAK?
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THEREFORE, IF WE MOVE UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, WE'LL ARRIVE AT THE RESCUE BOAT UNDER ONE HOUR.
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AND WITHOUT THE TEMPERATURE RISING FOR THE DAYTIME BUGS, THIS IS THE ONLY TIME THAT MOST OF THEM CAN'T MOVE ABOUT.
RIGHT NOW, ALL THE NOCTURNAL INSECTS ARE HIDING THEM-SELVES.

*THIS STORY IS FICTION.
IT HAS NO CONNECTION TO REAL LIFE PEOPLE OR ORGANISATIONS.

AH... WAIT!

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IF YOU DON'T MOVE, THEN YOU'LL BE LEFT BEHIND...

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WE'VE GOT TO HURRY !!

THE TEMPERATURE OUTSIDE IS RISING QUICKER THAN I THOUGHT.

THE TEACHER'S DEVASTATED CORPSE AND THE CORPSE OF THE ATYPUS KARSCHI SHOULD HAVE BOTH BEEN EATEN.

...BUT, WHAT IS THIS FEAR?

AND THE TIGER BEETLE LARVAE WILL BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ANY SUB-TERRANEAN TREMORS.

SOMETHING TERRIBLE MUST BE NEARBY...

WHY ISN'T IT WORK-ING?

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TEACHER... PUNISH THAT GIRL ALREADY!!

WHY AREN'T BUGS SWARMING HER? AREN'T THEY ATTRACTED BY THE SMELL OF BLOOD?

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MUTSUMI... WHAT'S WRONG?

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THEY'RE HERE...

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THERE ARE STINK BUGS HERE...

STINK BUGS ARE THE KIND THAT ATTACK ANIMALS AS WELL AS PEOPLE.

STINK BUGS? DO THEY ATTACK PEOPLE ?

WH... WHAT ?

IF WE DON'T FIND THEM BEFORE THEY FIND US, THEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH A COUNTER-MEASURE...

NO... EVEN IF THEY ARE THAT KIND OF INSECT...

THERE THEY ARE...

THEY'RE PROBABLY A TYPE OF ASSASSIN BUG.

SO THERE IS A 0% PROBABILITY* THAT THEY WILL ATTACK PEOPLE.

*ASSASSIN BUGS "MOSTLY" PREY UPON OTHER INSECTS

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THE GREATEST TYPE OF ASSASSIN BUG IN JAPAN. IT LIVES IN GROUPS ON TREES UNTIL IT BECOMES AN ADULT. WHEN COMPARED TO OTHER ASSASSIN BUGS, IT HAS MANY TYPES OF TEMPERATE ODOURS.

BECAUSE THEY POSSESS A BIO-PLANT.

DO NOT UNDERESTI-MATE THEM. ASSASSIN BUGS CREATE POISONOUS GAS IN THEIR BODIES.

THEY DON'T ATTACK PEOPLE? YOU MEAN THEY JUST STINK?

THEN IT IS NO LONGER AN UNDER-STATEMENT TO SAY THAT THEY ARE EQUAL TO A CHEMICAL WEAPON.

IF THEY HAVE A QUANTITY EQUAL TO THEIR BODY IN THAT SIZE...

WHAT?

YOU MEAN WE COULD DIE BY THE POISONOUS GAS THEIR BODIES GIVE OFF ?

BECAUSE THE ODOR OF THESE STINK BUGS WILL BE EFFECTIVE EVEN AGAINST OUR BODIES.

THIS KIND OF ASSASSIN BUG HAS BECOME AN INTERMEDIARY INSECT FOR PARASITES.

MOREOVER, THEY CALL IT "CHAGAS DISEASE".

IT'S SAID THAT THEY SUDDENLY FALL ILL AND DIE.

WHAT HAPPENS ?

W... WHEN A PERSON GETS A DISEASE LIKE THAT,

FOR REAL !!?

SUD-DENLY DIE!

SO, LET'S TAKE A DETOUR HERE...

AND THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THESE ASSASSIN BUGS ARE HOSTS TO SUCH PARASITES.

I'LL CHECK RIGHT AWAY..

PULL YOUR-SELF TO-GETH-ER!

ASSASSIN BUGS AREN'T MY SPECIALTY, SO...

W... WELL...

UGH !!!

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KYAAA!

I... IT'S THE TEACHER'S HAND.

H... HOW DID THAT GET THERE ...!?

DON'T! THE ASSASSIN BUGS ARE OVER THERE !!

I SHOULDN'T HAVE ABAN-DONED THE TEACHER !!

I KNOW ASSASSIN BUGS, BUT THESE MOVEMENTS SHOULD BE MORE SLOW!

DID THEY GET EXCITED DUE TO THE BLOOD?

I-I... THEY'RE FAST!

GY AA AA AA !!

SOME BODY !!!

SOME-BODY GET THEM OFF ME!!!

NO OO OO !!!

SAVE MEE EEE EEE !!!

WA AAA AAH !!

DAMN IT!!

NO !!

◆THE HORROR OF THE ASSASSIN BUG!?

See ya next time on YES YES YES!

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THE SHEKELS MUST FLOW

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